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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1959



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1959.

Vital Statistics:

The estimated population is almost stationary. The standardised Birth Rate again shows a slight decrease and the Still Birth Rate has risen.

The Standardised Death Rate has fallen slightly.

No other changes of significance occurred.

Infectious Diseases:

There were no epidemics although a number of sporadic cases did occur.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement during the year; and also to all members of the staff, particularly those of the Public Health Department, for their continued co-operation.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING

Medical Officer of Health



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1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	45,029 acres
Estimated Population (Registrar General's figures)	16,790
Inhabited houses	4,811
Rateable value	£173,565
Sum represented by a penny rate	£707

2. VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	123	84	207
Illegitimate	4	6	10
	<hr/> 127	<hr/> 90	<hr/> 217

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Samford)	12.92
Comparability factor	1.24
Standardised Birth Rate =	
Crude rate x Comparability factor	16.02
Live Birth Rate - England and Wales	16.5

Still Births

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	4	4
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 5

<u>Still Birth Rate</u>	per 1,000 total live and still births	25.52
" "	" " " " " "	
	England and Wales	21.0

Infant Mortality (deaths of Infants under 1 year)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—

Neonatal Deaths (deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age)

	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	---	---	---
Illegitimate	---	---	---
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2. Continued

Infant Mortality Rate

Per thousand live births - Samford	Nil
" " " " - England and Wales	22.2

Deaths

	M.	F.	Total
	93	84	177
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population (Samford)			10.54
Comparability factor			0.82
Standardised Death Rate =			
Crude Rate x Comparability factor			8.64
Death Rate England and Wales			11.6

3. CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.	Total 1959	Total 1958
Tuberculosis - respiratory	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	2	3	4
" " - lung, bronchus	5	-	5	2
" " - breast	-	6	6	4
" " - uterus	-	3	3	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	9	20	19
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	1
Diabetes	-	1	1	2
Vascular diseases of nervous system	10	12	22	23
Coronary disease, angina	14	9	23	22
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1	3
Other heart diseases	16	15	31	25
Other circulatory diseases	4	6	10	9
Influenza	2	2	4	-
Pneumonia	4	5	9	13
Bronchitis	2	-	2	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	3	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	4	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	9	9	18	22
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2	1
All other accidents	3	3	6	-
Suicide	2	-	2	1
	93	84	177	182

4. COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL TABLE FOR PAST FIVE YEARS

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	England & Wales
Estimated Population	16250	16110	16330	16670	16790	
Total live births	299	231	250	234	217	
Crude birth rate	14.09	14.34	15.31	14.04	12.92	
Standardised birth rate	17.61	15.92	18.98	17.41	16.02	16.5
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	6	8	8	2	Nil	
Infant Mortality rate	26.20	34.63	32.0	8.55	Nil	22.2
Total Deaths	185	167	168	182	177	
Crude Death rate	11.38	11.48	9.68	10.92	10.54	
Standardised Death rate	9.79	8.38	7.26	8.73	8.64	11.6

5. MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	5	1	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	13
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	21	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	25
Measles	1	1	9	25	11	5	9	-	-	-	-	-	61
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Post Vaccinal Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	4
Pneumonia	-	-	8	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
	2	1	24	27	34	10	12	1	1	3	1	1	117

5. Continued NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) - AGE DISTRIBUTION

	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	10	-	2	-	13
Whooping Cough	-	3	-	2	-	12	8	-	-	25
Measles	3	2	3	-	4	19	2	28	-	61
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Post Vaccinal Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	4
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	5	11
	3	5	3	2	5	42	13	39	5	117

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) TOTALS FOR PAST FIVE YEARS

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Scarlet Fever	12	10	-	7	13
Whooping Cough	19	26	46	2	25
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	286	8	311	27	61
Pneumonia	1	1	19	19	11
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	1	2
Acute Poliomyelitis - paralytic	1	-	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis - non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-
Acute encephalitis - post-infectious	-	-	1	-	1
Dysentery	2	1	3	-	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	1	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	5	3	-	7	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	2	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	4	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	8	-	-

6. TUBERCULOSIS

(a) Number of cases on Register at beginning of year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
32	16	27	11	86

(b) New cases notified during year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
2	1	-	1

(c) Other cases added to the Register (including inward transfers)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
1	-	-	-

(d) Cases dying during the year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
1	-	-	-

(e) Cases that recovered during year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
2	3	2	2

(f) Cases moving away from District during the year (outward transfers)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
-	1	-	-

(g) Cases on Register at end of year

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
32	13	25	10	80

6. Continued

(h) Tuberculosis Notifications during past five years

<u>Male</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Pulmonary	7	6	6	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	1	1	1
<u>Female</u>					
Pulmonary	1	5	5	4	-
Non-pulmonary	3	1	2	2	1

7. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION (Details kindly supplied by the
County Medical Officer)

Number of children receiving primary immunisation in 1959 - 166

Number of children receiving booster injections - 97

8. VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Primary vaccinations - 233

9. WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE

Full details will be found in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

10. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST WELL WATER CYANOSIS

Number of notifications from County Council	-	157
Number receiving mains supply presumed safe	-	146
Sampled and found safe	-	6
Sampled and found unsafe	-	5

11. HOUSING

Details of new houses and bungalows completed during the year will be found in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

12. MEAT INSPECTION FIGURES, 1959

Please refer to the section of the report compiled by the Public Health Inspector.

13. MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Examination of Milk Samples

Number of samples taken by East Suffolk County Council	-	68
Number of samples found to contain tuberculin organisms	-	Nil
Number of samples found to contain brucella organisms	-	Nil

14. FACTORIES ACT, 1937-1959

In accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/60 the Ministry of Labour Form 572 is set out as follows:-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT
OF SAMFORD IN THE COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	20	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	12	26	-	-
Total	57	51	-	-

14. FACTORIES ACT, 1937-1959 (Continued)

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	2	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)	2	2	-	2	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out- work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	3	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nil.

